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SUBJECT: EC SUMMIT

1. DAVIGNON THINKS THE CHANCES ARE REASONABLY GOOD FOR A SUCCESSFUL EC SUMMIT. IN HIS VIEW, THE SUMMIT WILL HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IF IT HAS BEEN ABLE TO HELP CREATE CONDITIONS FAVORABLE FOR THE U.K. TO REMAIN IN THE COMMUNITY.

2. IN THIS REGARD, DAVIGNON HOPES FOR AND RATHER EXPECTS THREE POSITIVE STEPS: FIRST, AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE THAT THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY OF THE ECONOMICALLY TROUBLED MEMBER STATES, SUCH AS THE U.K., SHOULD BE ADJUSTED TO TAKE
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INTO ACCOUNT THEIR ECONOMIC CAPACITY; SECOND, SOME PROGRESS

TOWARD A REGIONAL FUND; AND THIRD, FORWARD MOVEMENT ON PRESSING ISSUES, SUCH AS ENERGY. IF THESE ELEMENTS ARE PRESENT IN THE COMMUNIQUE AND WILSON ASSOCIATES HIMSELF WITH THEM, DAVIGNON REASONS, THE PROBABILITY OF CONTINUED BRITISH MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE INCREASED.

3. ON ENERGY, DAVIGNON SEES NO IMCOMPATIBILITY BETWEEN INTENSIFIED COOPERATION IN THE IEA AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EC ENERGY POLICY. HE IS ATTEMPTING TO BRING OTHERS TO THIS VIEW. HIS LINE OF ARGUMENT IS THAT BEING EUROPEAN MEANS DEFINING ESSENTIAL EUROPEAN INTERESTS AND DEFENDING THEM VIGOROUSLY, REGARDLESS OF THE FORUM. CONVERSELY, BEING EUROPEAN DOES NOT MEAN THAT ALL IDEAS MUST ORIGINATE IN EUROPE AND ALL ISSUES MUST BE SOLVED IN AN EXCLUSIVE EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK. DAVIGNON SEES AN ACTIVE INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FORWARD MOVEMENT IN THE IEA AND THE CREATION OF AN EC ENERGY POLICY -- WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN EACH FACILITATING PROGRESS IN THE OTHER. HE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THIS IS A TESTED FORMULA THAT PREVIOUSLY FOUND CONCRETE EXPRESSION IN CONNECTION WITH MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. DAVIGNON THINKS THAT TINDEMANS' PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP, HEADED BY A CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT, TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR FURTHER INTEGRATION MIGHT WELL BE ADOPTED AT THE EC SUMMIT. (SEE BRUSSELS 9470.) DAVIGNON SAYS FLATLY THAT BOTH CALLAHAN AND GISCARD SUPPORT THE IDEA AND THAT SCHMIDT'S COOLNESS CAN BE OVERCOME. THE BELGIANS REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT TINDEMANS WILL BE ASKED TO HEAD UP SUCH A WORKING GROUP. FIRESTONE

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